



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held September 26, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe's joint recommendation to request the Regional Planning Commission (Commission) to present recommendations to the Board on the County's Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment and implementing ordinances that would eliminate the Design Control Board's initial predevelopment application conceptual review, place responsibility for site plan approval and LCP consistency review with the Commission, and clarify that the Design Control Board's review of Marina del Rey projects shall occur after the Commission has taken action on the project's land use entitlements and that its role shall be to review projects for architectural elements, signage, materials, landscaping and colors.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following revised statement:

"The current land use entitlement process in Marina del Rey prohibits applicants from filing an application with Regional Planning until after the Design Control Board conducts its conceptual review. This precondition contributes to the delays some applicants are experiencing. In order to preserve the valuable contribution the Design Control Board makes by reviewing the conceptual design of projects, but in an effort to alleviate some of the delay that occurs because of the Design Control Board review, I propose that the motion be amended to eliminate Design Control Board conceptual review as a precondition to initiating the entitlement process, but permit the Design Control Board to continue to undertake a conceptual review of projects and submit comments to the Regional Planning Commission before the conclusion of the land use entitlement process.

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“I therefore recommend that the Regional Planning Commission be directed to present recommendations to this Board within 120 days on a Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment and implementing ordinances that would:

1. Eliminate the precondition that the Design Control Board's initial conceptual review occur before an application for land use entitlements is filed with the Department of Regional Planning;
2. Permit the Design Control Board to conduct a conceptual review during the land use entitlement process and submit recommendations to the Regional Planning Commission prior to the commencement of the public hearing by the Commission on the land use entitlements in a timely manner;
3. Place primary responsibility for site plan approval and LCP consistency review with the Regional Planning Commission; and
4. Clarify that the Design Control Board's final review of Marina projects, which will occur after the Regional Planning Commission has taken action on the project's land use entitlements, will continue to be focused upon architectural elements, signage, materials, landscaping and colors.

Supervisor Knabe made the following revised statement:

“While I support the effort to alleviate delays in the approval process for proposed projects in Marina del Rey, I think we can all agree that the reason for those delays does not rest only with the Design Control Board. Thus, I see the approval of the proposed motion as just the first step in several that should be taken to address the growing frustration with the approval process for Marina projects that has been expressed equally by County staff, project developers, County commissioners, Marina residents, and the general public.

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“I therefore recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer, in conjunction with the Director of Planning and County Counsel be instructed to review the process and procedures currently in use for proposed projects in the Marina, from the initial Request for Proposals to final approvals, including the roles and responsibilities of County staff, in consultation with the Director of Beaches and Harbors, and the various boards and commissions, and how the approval process can be made more efficient and effective without compromising public input and report back with recommendations within 45 days.”

Nancy Vernon Marino and Carla Andrews addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Requested the Regional Planning Commission to present recommendations to the Board within 120 days on a Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment and implementing ordinances that would:
 - Eliminate the precondition that the Design Control Board's initial conceptual review occur before an application for land use entitlements is filed with the Department of Regional Planning;
 - Permit the Design Control Board to conduct a conceptual review during the land use entitlement process and submit recommendations to the Regional Planning Commission prior to the commencement of the public hearing by the Commission on the land use entitlements in a timely manner;
 - Place primary responsibility for site plan approval and LCP consistency review with the Regional Planning Commission; and
 - Clarify that the Design Control Board's final review of Marina projects, which will occur after the Regional Planning Commission has taken action on the project's land use entitlements, will continue to be focused upon architectural elements, signage, materials, landscaping and colors; and

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2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer, in conjunction with the Director of Planning and County Counsel to review the process and procedures currently in use for proposed projects in the Marina, from the initial Request for Proposals to final approvals, including the roles and responsibilities of County staff, in consultation with the Director of Beaches and Harbors, and the various boards and commissions, and how the approval process can be made more efficient and effective without compromising public input and report back with recommendations within 45 days.

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